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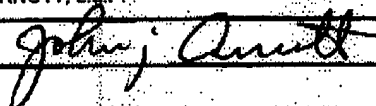
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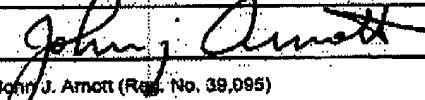
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This paper responds to the *Office Action* mailed December 10, 2004.

Response to Election/Restriction Requirement begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

Appl. No. 10/626,897

Response dated January 10, 2005

Reply to Office Action dated December 10, 2004

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Restriction/Election Requirement**

In the *Office Action* dated December 10, 2004, restriction to one of the following inventions was required:

Invention I - Claims 1-17, drawn to an interlocking attaching system, classified in Class 24, Subclass 580.1;

Invention II - Claims 18-21 drawn to a substrate adapter, classified in Class 24, Subclass 578.1; and

Invention III - Claims 22-24, drawn to an accessory adapter, classified in Class 24, Subclass 573.11.

Applicant hereby elects Invention I - Claims 1-17 for examination on the merits.